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ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSE REVOCATION RESOURCE MANUAL

Administrative license revocation (ALR) laws are a vital weapon in the fight against impaired driving. They provide swift and sure consequences for impaired driving, avoiding the delays and uncertainties of criminal action. ALR laws allow a police officer to immediately remove the driver's license of a driver who is arrested with an illegal blood alcohol level or who refuses an alcohol level test. Usually the officer issues a temporary driving permit valid for a short time. During this time the driver may request an administrative review of the action. If the offender does not request a review, or if the action is upheld, the license is revoked or suspended for a specified time (typically 90 days for a first offense).

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has assembled an *Administrative License Revocation Resource Manual* to provide information and to assist states in passing or modifying administrative license revocation laws. The Manual addresses major issues raised about the laws and their administration.

I. Description of State Programs

- **Administrative Suspension in Florida**, by James H. Cox, Director, Division of Driver Licenses, Florida Department of Motor Vehicles.
- **Telephonic Hearings Are the Way to Go -- Iowa's Experience**, by Al Chrystal, former Director, Office of Driver Services, Iowa Department of Transportation.
- **Administrative Per Se in Louisiana**, by Bobby Breland, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Motor Vehicles, Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections.
- **Missouri's Administrative DWI Law**, by Patricia Libbert, Assistant Administrator, Drivers License Bureau, Missouri Department of Revenue.
- **Nevada's Tough Law**, by Wayne R. Teglia, former Director, Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety.

- **Utah's Administrative Per Se Law**, by Gene Berner, Records Manager, Utah Department of Public Safety.

II. Administrative License Revocation Issues

- **Court Challenges to Administrative License Suspension/Revocation**, a summary of relevant state and federal court decisions.
- **Administrative License Revocation Costs and Benefits**, a summary of experience in Illinois, Mississippi, and Nevada.
- **Summary Suspension of Driver Licenses of Drunken Drivers -- Constitutional Dimensions**, by John H. Reese, professor of law, University of Denver.
- **Administrative Procedure Issues Involved in the Summary Suspension of Driver Licenses for Driving While Intoxicated**, by John H. Reese.
- **Avoiding Problems in Implementing Administrative Driver License Suspensions**, by James Latchaw, former member of NHTSA's driver licensing staff.
- **Virginia Considers Administrative Revocations**, by Robert F. Gore, Esquire.

III. Appendices

1. Two Sample ALR Laws.
2. Comparison of State ALR Provisions.
3. Summary of Studies Demonstrating the Effectiveness of ALR Actions.
4. Summary of State ALR Hearing Procedures.
5. Summary of Court Challenges Related to ALR.
6. Resources Available to Support Adoption and Implementation of ALR Laws.
7. Administrative License Revocation Contacts.

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